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Our Obligation

Recently I had the pleasure of speaking at a conference of the Association of Training Directors, in Florida, on the subject "Total Utilization of Manpower". These men are in KEY POSI-TIONS of selecting and training people for jobs. They represent companies large and small, and about every variety of job available. They are executives that must be convinced to employ handicapped workers and to "give them a chance".

I pointed out and emphasized that

HANDICAPPED PEOPLE ARE NO DIFFERENT FROM ANY-ONE ELSE: In fact, they should not even use the word "handicapped"-physical limitations is a better term. A person is either qualified to perform a job or he isn't-it is simply a matter of matching people and jobs.

What obligation do these executives have? They must not be asked and expected to "find" jobs for a handicapped person. They must be expected-in the interest of good management—to learn the facts

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ACCENT On Living is a national magazine dedicated to serving all handicapped people, their families and their friends, regardless of race, religion or creed. ACCENT is an authoritative clearing house for problems confronting handicapped people. ACCENT is edited and published with the firm belief that each person gains invaluable experience and knowledge as the result of a physical handicap. ACENT believes in the complete dignity and respect of all persons. Furthermore, all profit from subscriptions and advertising will be used for furthering rehabilitation facilities and bringing facts, ideas and the benefits of rehabilitation to the readers of this magazine.

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concerning the employment and training of those with physical limitations. When they do this, the result will be the hiring of people by matching their abilities with the individual job requirements.

Now, what about our obligation? As handicapped people we have an obligation to prepare ourselves so we are employable. We are not different from others. We all have personality traits which are what really count in the performance of

our jobs.

Some of these are: motivationthe forces within an individual which cause him to stay on the job, to work hard and to be a conscientious employee. Emotional maturity -if he shows signs of immaturity he can be handicapped on the job. It is a fairly common experience to meet people who are highly intelligent, well educated and personally very charming, but who show consistently poor judgment and the complete lack of ordinary sense. Now these people are really handicapped. Combetitiveness-the extent to which an individual prefers activities in which it is possible to compare his achievements with those of others, or with his own past record. Leadership-the capacity to inspire confidence, admiration and trust in others so that they turn to the man for help and guidance, Ability to get along with others-this involves maintaining good working relationships with supervisors and associates and obtaining good personal acceptance by others. Self reliance-the extent to which a man has the habit of doing things for himself, rather than depending upon others to help him. Loyalty—will a man go beyond the ordinary requirements of his job to serve the interests of his employer? Perseverance—the measure of a man's capacity to persist in any activity despite difficulties and opposition. Does he finish what he starts? Industry—does a man work steadily, voluntarily, conscientiously and productively? Stability—does he show the habit of remaining on one job for a reasonable length of time?

Our obligation is (1) to help give facts to employers and (2) to make sure we are prepared and have the basic personality traits and skills necessary for good job perform-

ance.

Report On Wheelchair Idea Search

by K. Vernon Banta Staff Advisor for The Wheelchair Project

The idea search for a stair-climbing wheelchair closed on December 1, 1960. Upwards of 500 ideas were submitted by inventors from over the country to the National Inventors Council in the Department of Commerce. Engineers of the Council reviewed each of the ideas submitted and reduced the number that had some potentiality

to about 25. Further careful screening reduced the number that were presented to the judges on April 4 to three.

The judges named by General Maas and the Secretary of Commerce are Dr. Leonard Carmichael. Secretary of the Smithsonian Institution: Admiral Luis de Florez. retired head of the Department of the Navy's Small Devices department; and Thomas Jefferson Miley, Executive Vice President of the New York Commerce and Industry Association, Mr. Miley was named to replace the late Willis Gorthy as the third member of the judging committee, Mr. Charles Caniff. Handicapped American of the Year, on recommendation of The President's Committee, was asked by the Inventors Council to serve as a consultant to the judges and met with them on April 4.

The ideas presented were not conclusively practical. One idea using a caterpillar tractor adaptation was believed to be of special merit. At the request of the judges a draft report of General Maas is in preparation. The recommendation in substance is that the plans of the three selected proposals be placed before the engineering departments of several universities which have indicated interest and, also, before the designing departments of interested manufacturers for study and refinement, A recommendation will probably be made that the three individuals presenting the best ideas be suitably rewarded and that another reward be offered for a final product.



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Living Lines ...

"Enjoy ACCENT very much, so glad a friend introduced it to me. Was especially interested in Tad Tanaka's story in the 1961 Spring issue. Please keep up the personality profiles. Also, was interested in the Brown Lake Lodge story and have written for more information. While on the subject of vacation spots, are there any winter resorts for handicapped adults?"

Anita Alter Fort Wayne, Indiana

"The article 'Handicapped Placement Service' does a beautiful job of showing what a handicapped person with imagination and a purpose can do. Lorraine Feltner not only created a job for herself but at the same time established a service for others for whom securing a job in normal channels was made difficult by disability. The sponsorship that Miss Feltner's project received and the acceptance accorded it is a demonstration of the dynamics of a democratic society in which iniative and ambition for a cause have an opportunity to function. The potential that exists among the disabled workers is not to be overlooked or regarded lightly."

> H. J. W. Koester Asst. Director Div. of Rehabilitation Services Lincoln, Nebraska

"This little magazine has been helpful and inspirational to me and I thought you might like to know."

D. R. Ross E. Hampton, N. Y.

"As a Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor, I recently discovered your publication as it passed across my desk. Because I am also disabled, it especially caught my eye and appealed to me as being one of the best of its kind, and also unique in some respects. I am therefore, enclosing a check for \$2.00 for a year's membership."

Miss Janet Marshall Salem, Oregon

"I save every stamp I get and have a tremendous accumulation of Indian and other stamps. I thought of offering them as a gift to someone among your readers, but then I am not sure that is proper either. Then I thought of offering them on a 50-50 basis—they sell them for whatever they can get and send me half the proceeds for my Leprosy Fund (Rehabilitation)."

Kamala V. Nimbkar The Amerind 15th Road, Khar Bombay 52, India

"Have wanted to take just one minute out to write this ever since I read the letter in your column from the girl who wanted to know if one in a wheelchair should wear bright colors. I've been using a wheelchair all my life and feel very strongly about this. In my opinion, a woman or girl in a wheelchair ought to dress attractively, wearing bright or pastel colors, according to her taste and according to what is becoming to her, and making use of the beautiful full skirts which look well while sitting. I've never made any "bones" about trying to look



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Virginia Eady St. Petersburg, Fla.

"It was my good fortune to come across a '59 LOOK magazine, in which I read an article regarding you and your magazine, ACCENT On Living. Being a polio victim of over thirty years, confined to a wheelchair - and - alone - with no relatives - and self-supporting, I was especially interested in what you were accomplishing."

Florence D. Rikert Poughkeepsie, N. Y.

"I get so much literature that I have to put aside a great many things for future study, but your little magazine always goes in another pile for "immediate reading". You can therefore appreciate my pleasure when I saw the splendidly illustrated article about Dave White and Talents, Inc. Not enough people throughout the country know what Dave has accomplished in a few years to provide dignified work for the severely handicapped. The increasing success of Talents, Inc., is very gratifying."

Robert Lea, Chairman Workshop Subcommittee President's Committee for Employing the Physically Handicapped Washington, D. C.

"I read carefully each issue and often am able to pass along an idea to the severely disabled clients I am attempting to serve. I noted in your Fall, 1960 issue on page 22 the story, Optometry from a Wheelchair. In paragraph three, Mr. Williams indicated that he had not received much encouragement from various counselors. You will be interested to know that the schooling at the Los

Angeles College of Optometry was sponsored by the California Vocational Services, as I was his counselor. At that time due to employer resistance and other factors, not many wheelchair applicants were accepted. Success in Mr. William's case and others with similar problems paved the way for assignment in 1950 of a full-time counselor in Los Angeles to work exclusively with the severely disabled. Your success stories are helpful to counselors. We are continually 'bucking the odds' in trying to work out a vocational solution to difficult problems. Each year more and more of the severely disabled are being served as we learn how to do the job."

> A. G. Garris Rehabilitation Counselor Los Angeles, Calif.

"In your Spring, 1961 issue of ACCENT, you have an article regarding Tad Tanaka. Not only would I like to deal with this young man as a stamp collector, but would like to know more about his business, as a Rehabilitation Counselor. I would appreciate it very much if you would provide me with his address."

R. Lybarger, Counselor Cape Girardeau, Missouri

"I've always enjoyed Bonnie's page in ACCENT On Living. Regarding a recent question about sore tailbones (in bed). I have had this problem for many years. Our final solution, which was my husband's invention is to have a foam rubber pad at least 1½ in. thick, 2 ft. long and 18 in. wide. (This will be big enough and just fits into a standard pillow case.) Beginning about 2 in. from what will be the lower end there should be a hole cut all the way through the pad (a round hole about 2 in. across). Ever since using this pad 1 have never again had my skin break down over the tailbone."

Mrs. F. H. Low Chappagua, New York

"I am interested in doing something to help the cause of seeing that public

buildings are made accessible to the person unable to climb stairs. In the Fall, 1960 issue, there was mention of the work done by Hugo Deffner, who has now passed away. Do you know how a person should go about giving his cause assistance? Any information you can give me will be appreciated."

Mrs. S. J. Pusateri Three Rivers, Calif.

Ed. Note: Specific suggestions as to what can be done in each locality will be published in the next issue.

"I think you have a wonderful little magazine. I should want to know who could take care of me, at a reasonable amount, should the people caring for me now could no longer do so. I'm a non-service connected quadriplegic veteran and a \$155 a month pension doesn't go very far."

David Arias Salinas, Calif.

Ed. Note: A real problem. We have heard of some ideas for the future, but has anybody an answer now?

"I can't add anything to your editorial efforts in your magazine, but one thing has run through my mind for a number of years, and I wondered if any other readers had ever expressed a similar thought or comment. It is simply that in my dreams, when I have them, if I am at all featured in these episodes, I am never wheelchaired, but always as I was pre-polio. I suppose this is sort of a subconscious effort to refuse to accept that I can no longer walk, run, or get into other heart-attack provoking activities. No doubt others have noticed the same thing. Meat for the psychologists or psychiatrists, do you suppose? This is probably a commonly known fact, but for those people who are extremely active and rough on a chair. Everest & Jennings has an optional wheel (the big wheels, that is) with about eight more spokes in them than the normal wheel. This makes for a lot more strength and a longer lasting wheel. I have a chair now with this feature and it is proving to be much more stable and durable."

H. C. Portland, Oregon

"ACCENT On Living has been arriving at the above address for some time and I have carefully and purposely avoided sending money for a subscription, assuming the magazine would stop coming . . . but it hasn't. So, take notice, and please remove my name from the mailing list."

M. P. San Mateo, Calif.

(Ed. Note: Could it be this writer has refused to accept and admit he has a physical disability? How can people like this be helped?)

"It will be greatly appreciated if you will give me a suggestion about a home business (mail order or the like). You possibly come in contact or hear about the different ways of earning a living in your wide spread circle of friends."

R. P. Woodhaven, N. Y.

Ed Note: There are ideas in every issue. Remember that opportunity sometimes knocks softly.

"As to the inquiry on the type of ramp over steps, so that his wife can get outdoors. I. Build the ramp over steps. If they are wide steps, cover just one side of steps with the ramp. 2. The width of ramp—a foot or so wider than wheelchair—have hand rail on each side. 3. Make the slant low from top step and extend it over the ground past the last step. Make the ramp at the top even with porch."

Miss Gerry Larson, P. T. Little Rock, Ark.

ACCENT On The News

Grow Orchids in your basement, and earn lots of easy money! When you see promises of big earnings made easily, watch out! Tropical Flowerland, in Los Angeles, California, is prohibited by a consent order approved by the Federal Trade Commission from using false pricing and earnings claims to sell its merchandise or instruction courses on growing orchids, orchid plants, or nursery products. This is another example of a company that has taken advantage of many innocent people.

Guidebook For The Handicapped Traveler in South Dakota, called "Vacation Magic in the Black Hills", is available from the Black Hills and Badlands Association, Box 539, Sturgis, South Dakota. Includes where to sleep, where to eat and attractions where the people feel their establishments are desirable for the handicapped traveler and will offer assistance to the best of their ability.

Directory of Camps for the Handicapped is the title of a new directory including information on approved camping programs and facilities from which parents of handicapped children, professional workers and disabled persons can select programs. Available from the National Society for Crippled Children and Adults, 2023 West Ogden Avenue, Chicago 12, Illinois. Price is 50c per copy.

North Central Training Service, Council Bluffs, Iowa, has been charged by the FTC with using deception to sell a correspondence course on civil service preparation. Leon A. Heisserer has been charged as falsely representing in advertising material that positions are open in more than 50 listed job classifications and these and many thousands of other positions will be filled within a short time.

Auto insurance for deaf drivers is available, but will continue to be only if more members are enrolled. It is felt that the deaf driver must certainly be more cautious and considerate as a driver, however this has not been proven with sufficient numbers to be held as a truth, so as to interest organizations which might be interested. It is hoped more deaf drivers will join this plan before this program will be forced to be ended.

Cerebral palsied persons have been hired as messengers for a photographic firm in Chicago, Illinois, which specializes in giving fast service to its customers. Rapid Copy Service now has ten handicapped men and women on its payrolls and is very pleased with them. President Stucko said, "We find these people actually get around faster than others, they stick to their job, they don't stop to gaze in windows or dawdle over coffee." He went on to say, "They are among the most courteous, willing and capable workers we have."

Increased demand for watchmaking-type skills, particularly since several private schools closed recently, has pushed enrollment in the Joseph Bulova School of Watchmaking to a new high. Tuition-free courses are

available to men disabled by paraplegia, polio, amputation or similar physical handicaps. Students can board at the school's dormitory or in nearby homes for a modest expense.

Gifts, Gadgets and Glamour is the name of a new art craft hobby book, published by the Bruce Publishing Company, of Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Includes an array of 45 highly imaginative projects, decorative and useful objects that make lovely gifts.

President John F. Kennedy, in a statement prepared for the DAV at their request during the recent campaign, listed seven problem areas to which he promised to give his attention: compensation, pensions, survivors' benefits, vocational training, education for orphans of servicemen, medical facilities and domiciliary and nursing-home facilities. "The test of progress," said the President, "is not whether we add more to the abundance of those who have too much; it is whether we can provide enough for those who have too little."

How Disabled Must You Be? This seven page pamphlet briefly describes the benefits provided under the disability provisions of the social security law, and provides information on how disabled you must be to be eligible for these benfits. Available for 5c from the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington 25, D. C.

Arthritis and Rheumatism. An eight-page booklet discussing the types and treatment of rheumatic diseases. Available for 5c from the U.S. Government Printing Office.

GI Loans. Applications by World War 2 veterans for GI loans must be received by the VA from lenders before July 26, 1962. Veterans with service during the Korean Conflict have until January 31, 1965 to obtain GI loans.

Headstones are available for eligible deceased veterans of World War 2. Although applications must go to the Quartermaster General of the Army, any VA office will provide information and other assistance to families in filing the application.

A disabled veteran with 100% service connected disabilities, who is home-bound, may receive an additional compensation of \$150 per month for regular aid and attendance. However, the total cannot exceed \$600 a month in combination with other applicable ratings, exclusive of additional compensation for dependents.

Federal benefits for veterans and dependents. 1961 edition of VA fact sheet IS-1 is now on sale for 15c at the U. S. Government Printing Office in Washington, D. C. Booklet lists all major benefits available to U. S. veterans, and explains eligibility requirements, describes the nature of the benefits and where application should be made.

Veterans' benefits. Effective September 21, 1960 is the name of a 331 page book containing Public Law 857, which consolidated into one act all the Laws administered by the VA. Also included are tables showing a detailed analysis of the elements of entitlement to compensation for service-connected disability, pension for non-service-connected disability or death, etc. U. S. Government Printing Office. Cost \$1.00.

Synthetic skin may soon save the lives of many persons who suffer massive burns, according to Dr. William M. Chardack, Buffalo, New York VA hospital. Although not permanent, it is believed the material may provide a satisfactory temporary cover for tissue of burned victims that will enable these patients to improve sufficiently for staged coverage of the burned areas by successive small grafts from their own remaining uninvolved skin.

39 Indian War veterans are still living, according to VA records, having an average age of 90 years. There are about 35,000 Spanish American War veterans still living.

VA Voluntary Service has openings for men 18 to 88 who can contribute time each week. For their time and talent they will receive not money, but the gratitude of thousands of veterans and their families, as well as the deep personal satisfaction of serving one's fellow man. For information contact a veterans organization or a VA hospital.

"Digest of Federal and State Laws and Regulations effecting the Handicapped, compiled for the benefit of children and adults with Cerebral Palsy" is the name of a digest available from United Cerebral Palsy, 321 West 44th Street, New York 36, New York. Cost is \$1.00 per copy.

Artificial limbs and eyes, braces, trusses, orthopedic shoes, crutches, canes, eyeglasses, hearing aid, wheelchairs, and special clothing can be obtained from the VA by eligible veterans. Blind veterans entitled to disability compensation may receive a guide dog and special mechanical and electronic equipment. Veterans receiving regular aid and attendance support from the VA are entitled to an invalid lift, if medically indicated.

Handicapped jobs fall. Placements for December, 1960 were 17,942, 3,000 less than placements of handicapped people in December, 1959. This marks the ninth consecutive month that the figure has been below the same month a year earlier. By the end of 1960, 1800 local employment offices reported 274,387 handicapped placements—23,000 behind 1959, and the lowest of the last five years, except for 1958.

Child Care Problems of Physically Handicapped Mothers is the name of a research project at the University of Connecticut. Motion pictures, colored slides, bulletins, posters, exhibits and bibliographies are available on a cost basis from the School of Home Economics, U. of Connecticut, Storrs, Conn.

Inexpensive House Has Features For Handicapped

demonstration house designed A to prove that homes for handicapped or elderly buyers don't need to be expensive has turned out to be practical enough for construction by speculative builders.

"House of Freedom," as it was called by its sponsors, was developed to meet the needs of the growing market for retirement homes, but is just as suitable for comfortable living by anyone with a physical handicap. Details of the house, such as counter and sink heights, could easily be adjusted to suit a family member confined to a wheel chair. Many of the home's features already are suited to wheel chair convenience.

The house grew out of a conference on retirement housing sponsored by the Douglas Fir Plywood Association last November 10-11. Nine experts who came to Tacoma, Wash., from all over the country recommended such a home be developed for evaluation by delegates to the White House Conference on Aging, held January 9-12 of 1961.

House of Freedom was designed by Robert B. Waring, AIA, staff architect for the non-profit plywood association, and was built in cooperation with the American Association of Retired Persons. Waring based the design of the house on available research, the opinions of an advisory committee made up of the nine experts who participated in the conference, and on his own ideas, developed through years of having to get about on crutches because of partial leg paralysis.

Enthusiastic Acceptance

The house was designed to sell for \$10-13,000, plus land, depending on local costs. Its acceptance by the 3000 White House conference delegates was enthusiastic. Rep. John E. Fogarty (D-RI), who sponsored legislation creating the White House conference, recommended the delegates make sure to see it, and said practical action of this kind "comes very close to what I hoped might be accomplished."





This is the basic floor plan of House of Freedom. This floor plan has many possible variations. The feature of the plan is the central courtyard which adds spaciousness to the house without adding expensive floor space. The windows around the courtyard allow the owners of the house to completely open its interior, if desired. Good traffic flow and convenience governed the layout, which was designed on the basis of a number of surveys.

Norman P. Mason, U. S. Housing Administrator for the Eisenhower administration, appeared with the president of the plywood association on a nationally-televised "tour" of House of Freedom, This was one of five nationally-televised appearances of the house, another being on the Dave Garroway "Today" show. Other news media also showed interest in House of Freedom and a number of national magazines carried stories and pictures.

President Eisenhower was presented with a scale model and ceremonial key and became so interested in the features of the house a 10-minute interview stretched to more than half an hour.

Already in Production

The most important response,

however, to anyone hoping to buy an economical house of this kind, has come from builders. Charles K Cheezem, a tract builder in Florida, saw the Washington model in January and by the end of the month was completing construction of three models of his own and already had commitments for twenty.

Carl T. Mitnick, former president of the National Association of Home Builders and one of the country's biggest builders of retirement housing outside of the South, planned construction of a model near a Philadelphia shopping center, two more on the New Jersey coast. He expects to sell 200.

Cheezem has priced House of Freedom at \$12,000, including land, in his St. Petersburg area, and



This picture, taken from the sliding door to the courtyard in the retirement demonstration house, shows the dining area, part of the kitchen and the wall divider separating the kitchen and living room, at right. Non-skid linoleum floor covering was used in part of the living area, carpet in the remainder. The light fixtures are of the pull-down type, making replacement of bulbs simple.



As a small house, House of Freedom offers an unusual feeling of spaciousness. This view, taken from a corner of the living room, shows the effect of the careful design that went into the house. The beamed ceiling, careful use of glass and open space, and layout of the rooms make the house a cheerful place. The house has 888 sq. ft. of living space.

Mitnick plans to offer his version for about \$11,000, including land.

House of Freedom has 888 sq. ft. of living space, plus 392 more in the garage and hobby room. It has two bedrooms, separate dining area, large living room and a compact, carefully-designed kitchen. All surfaces are minimum-maintenance and all floor surfaces non-skid.

Some specific features:

Doors Extra Wide

Doors and openings all are at least 3 feet wide, hallways 4 inches wider.

An eave overhang of 3-3½ feet protects a perimeter walk from rain, sun.

There are no steps or changes of level anywhere in the house.

Electrical outlets are 18 inches from the floor, instead of 12, to eliminate stooping.

Light switches and door knobs are a convenient 36 inches from the floor.

Master light switches are located at both entries and in the master bedroom to make moving about in the dark unnecessary.

Lights are arranged for high, uniform levels of illuminations.

Pull-down ceiling fixtures simplify bulb changing.

Low-upkeep surfaces are used extensively and no window surfaces are higher than 6 feet, 8 inches. Windows also are closer to the floor, making it possible to see outside from bed or wheelchair.

Seat is Convenient

Hobby area in carport can also function as a storage room for keepsakes.

A seat near the tub makes bathroom dressing more convenient and also makes the transfer from wheelchair to tub a simple matter.

Grab-bars are located carefully near tub and toilet.

Low counters, sink and stove, combined with comfortable knee room, makes it possible for the housewife to sit at her work.

All but a few kitchen storage cabinets can be reached from a sitting position and all storage space is carefully planned, with no inaccessible corners.

Perimeter heat warms floors in every room.

Lavish storage space is arranged efficiently and one living room wall can be given over to shelves for display of books or other possessions.

Outdoors, all water faucets are at least 24 inches from the ground to eliminate stooping, and are accessible from the hard-surface perimeter walk.

The window arrangement around the court yard adds spaciousness and a pleasant view to living room, dining room and master bedroom, permits seeing from one room to another if desired—if one family member is ill or bedridden, for instance.

Study plans for House of Freedom are available from Douglas Fir Plywood Association, Tacoma 2, Washington. Please enclose 25 cents to cover mailing costs.



Eliminating safety hazards in the bathroom while still making the room as useful and attractive as possible, received close attention during design. The tub seat at left makes dressing and undressing comfortable and safe and the seat extension behind the tub makes it possible to take a shower while seated. Grab bars are located for easy use.



This courtyard at the rear of House of Freedom is one of its most distinctive design features. The windows at left are those of the master bedroom, those at right the living room. The dining area is separated from the courtyard by a sliding glass door. One of the purposes of the courtyard is to make it possible, by arrangement of window draperies, for a member of the family who is ill or bedridden to see the whole house from the master bedroom. This avoids shutting him off from family life.

Straight Spines With Steel Rods

by Jack England

Most of the old Polios 1 know are interested in the progress being made in medicine, especially the advances in the field of reconstructive surgery. We go along with a continuing hope that some of the things being done will make us either more mobile, more comfortable, or both. This is a natural hope, since we are all striving to be as active, useful, energetic, and

effective as possible.

A problem that has confronted me for several years is a common one to old polios: scoliosis. I developed an S-curve, an excessive sway in the lower back, and a pelvic tilt. My trunk had little stability, and long hours at a desk had caused my lower back to begin collapsing. Back braces failed to support properly. Exercises would not correct the muscle imbalance which continued to increase the curvature. X-rays showed arthritic areas and calcification. The future threatened continuing collapse, deformity, less mobility, and more discomfort as the years went on. Surgery was a possible solution, and not a new notion, naturally, to either the doctors or me. But spinal fusion had been discouraged. The doctors said it would take about a year, it would be painful, expensive, and inconvenient. Correction of the curve would be difficult. It could involve lengthy periods with corrective casts and traction, and the spine might not respond to these techniques. I was over thirty years old. There was boney deformity. Perhaps it would be best to struggle along with bracing, however ineffective, for the rest of my life.

I thought about this, long and hard. My wife and I discussed the various approaches mentioned by doctors we had known. We felt that something had to be done, and most important, that I should not wait too many more years before making the decision. There was too much to lose and little to gain by waiting.

Fortunately, at this point I was referred to a doctor in California who uses some new techniques in reconstructive surgery. He was doing spinal fusions using the stainless steel Harrington rods (See Time Magazine, November 14, 1960; p. 56). A week later, I was in his office going over the X-rays and discussing the pros and cons of spinal fusion for me. As we talked, it became increasingly obvious that I had found my answer.

The first of November I was in the hospital. The doctor, in fairness to me and to himself, would not promise a miraculous correction, a painless stay in the hospital, a 30-day recovery, or any other such nonsense. He said everything indicated I would get considerable correction. I would come out of

surgery with a straighter back, a stronger trunk, and less discomfort from the deformity. But he would not know exactly what could be achieved until he examined the spine in surgery.

I was lucky. I got good correction: 85 or 90 per cent, I would estimate. Functionally, I got all I need. The extreme sway in the lower back is gone. The S-curve has been straightened. My rib cage is symmetrical for the first time

in a dozen years or more.

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This is the result of four hours of surgery. Three Harrington rods were used. One was placed horizontally, screwed into place from one hipbone to the other. The remaining two rods were placed vertically, on each side of the spine. The spine was flexible enough to lend itself to straightening, (The rods are notched, and correction is held somewhat like a bumper jack might stretch out an elastic band). When maximum correction was achieved, the spine was held in its corrected form by fastening the rods at the top of the fusion area. Eight vertebrae were fused through a fifteen-inch incision requiring 48 stitches.

This, then, is one case of spine correction and fusion involving the Harrington rods. It is an example of the progress being made in orthopedic surgery. It is a technique that may be of benefit to some of you who read of my experience. Ask your orthopedic doctor about it. Get his opinion and opinions of two or three other doctors on how it would effect your case. It may be your answer; it may not. But it is well worth investigating. Don't take my word for it. Find out for yourself.

Is Your Life Miserable?

by Richard Sprague



THE NIGHT SHIFT

From Midnight until 6 A.M. we Polio's were attended by a small group of scheming nurses, privately nicknamed the "Ghoulies". This title seemed appropriate, since each time they appeared at our bedside we awoke to see a ghostly white form hovering over our beds shining a 500 watt searchlight into our eyes, and leering fiendishly. In addition to the assorted hypodermics they had prepared for us. their pockets bulged with vile tasting potions and pills.

We later confirmed that these 'Sisters Of The Night' had recently graduated from puncturing oranges with their dart guns, and were anxious for some first hand experience. Needless to say, our hands were usually not the place they got to

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1960 Handicapped American of the Year. Forty year old paraplegic, Charles E. Caniff is shown with Attorney General Robert Kennedy following ceremonies at the annual meeting of the President's Committee on Employment of the Physically Handicapped, held April 27-28 in Washington, D. C. Charles is executive director of the Conference of Rehabilitation Centers and Facilities. An airplane crash in July, 1945 caused his paraplegia. As a "doer unto others, as has been done for him." he was responsible for a half-million dollar rehabilitation center, serving a tri-state area of over a million people. Charles and his wife Jean have three children, 15, 13 and 10.

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"Everyone profits through hiring of the physically handicapped" was the address given by the Honorable John B. Swainson, Governor of Michigan, at the P.C.E.P.H. meeting. He is shown (right) being interviewed by Ray Cheever, publisher and editor of ACCENT On Living. Governor Swainson lost both legs three inches below each knee during a night patrol in November, 1944. He served in the Michigan state Senate for two years, was Lieutenant Governor for one term and was elected Governor November 8, 1960.





Handi-Cap Service is now available in Minneapolis, St. Paul, Madison, Wisc., Kansas City, Mo., and Houston, Texas as the result of a new franchise business organized by Leonard J. Lovdahl, after he was handicapped by muscular dystrophy several years ago. These specially equipped Volkswagon station wagons provide convenient transportation to physically limited persons. Here's an idea that could be adopted for an individual's transportation needs.



Earning money by painting, Alma Schmidt is shown painting a portrait in her home. Alma has three brothers and one sister—all five have muscular dystrophy.

"Pandora's Box." Mrs. Katherine D. Hawkins sells greeting cards, magazine subscriptions, and gift items, all from her room, which is on the second floor of her home. Almost totally incapacitated by rheumatoid arthritis, she can use a specially rigged phone. An adjustable till-table is her work table.



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1961 National March of Dimes Mother of the Year. Polly Spangler has little use of her arms above the elbows, yet she makes most of her own clothes, sews for her daughter, Caryn, 10, and son, Mike, 9. Although she can't handle housework alone. Polly has a number of favorite recipes which she prepares on an electric hotplate set on a low shelf placed so she can reach it easily from her wheelchair. She plans menus. personally does major shopping, and handles all household bookwork. She had polio in 1954 and uses a motorized wheelchair.

LIFE MISERABLE-Continued

practice their needlepoint.

The night usually began with a rude awakening at 12:15, when we were given a sleeping pill to insure peaceful slumber throughout the night. It didn't matter that we were already asleep, this was merely a precaution against awakening and being unable to return to sleep! Since this never succeeded in making us even drowsy, we had our usual shot of Demerol at 2:15, to induce unconsciousness.

As relaxation began we closed our eyes hopefully, but were jolted awake when the 'Wee Hour Women' came in to "roll us". They didn't want money, just our flesh. Their reason for doing this was to keep us from getting stiff in the joints —when none of us ever touched the stuff. If a Ghoulie felt particularly grouchy she would neglect these duties, and mornings would find us twisted into such a contortion that it took two therapists and a professional wrestler to help unwind us.

The East and West wings on our floor held nightly Bingo games, using the call light board as a bingo card. Whichever wing succeeded in lighting up five rooms in a row first, delegated the honor of emptying the nights' bedpans to the other group. This wouldn't have been too disastrous, except for a few over-zealous newcomers who, in their quest for victory, raced from room to room pushing signal bells, to speed up the process. Other nurses who were dispatched to answer these phony

calls were met with flying water pitchers and bedpans, which further heightened Nurse-Patient relations.

Vitamin shots came at 3:45 to keep us healthy. We would have welcomed this added strength to protect ourselves from further annoyances, but the needle was always inserted into a recuperating muscle rather than an atrophied one to prevent this. If we ever complained about sore gluts, we were merely told to be "good Christians", and turn the other cheek.

Came the day of ju⁴gement, and the Polio Brigade took matters into their own hands. On Halloween night at a pre-arranged signal, we all pushed our call buttons simultaneously. When the nurses came in to check, we sprang from under the covers bedecked in masks and sheets, and booed them screaming down the halls, until each one had to be revived with smelling salts. Fortunately for us, we had the delightful task of attending to them for the rest of the evening.



A Home Operated Accounting Business

Another in a series of successful businesses operated entirely from the home.

David Tawwater had polio in 1950—two days before he was to leave for college football training. Formerly a righthander, he does everything left handed, having some functional use of his left hand and arm.

Dave said, "Before polio I had no training in accounting or bookkeeping. About the only thing I had in high school that directly helped me was typing, in fact I had planned to take engineering in college. In 1954, I finished a correspondence course in Higher Accounting, paid for by the Texas Rehabilitation Agency. I started doing some tax work and bookkeeping. A lot of my work came from people who had known me and who had been trying to do their own bookkeeping and tax work without knowing much about what they were doing. I put a sign out on the highway near my home and did a little advertising in our local newspaper.

"I didn't do too much those first two years. I wasn't able to work too hard and I had to learn a lot of things about small businesses and income tax as I went along. I found out there is a lot they don't teach you in a c c o unting courses—you have to learn it through experience. In 1955, I



netted about \$700, but in 1957 netted over twice that amount. In 1958, my net income was just over \$2300, and since then it has been increasing considerably every year.

"Most of my income is made during the first 3½ months of the year during income tax season. I have a great many people come back to me each year to prepare their own individual income tax returns.

"As for selling, there isn't much you can do in this type of business, except by reputation through your present clients. New business comes from people who have heard about my services from my present clients. This shows the importance of doing quality work and of being fair with people at all times."

Watch Out For These Arthritis Swindles

Pain and fear make the arthritis sufferer especially vulnerable to phony promises, and swindle victims sometimes risk far more than money—by delaying honest medical treatment, they invite needless crippling and intensified pain, according to medical experts.

At present, science knows neither the cause nor cure for arthritis. Treatment is often long and ardu-

ous.

What Is Arthritis?

There are more than 60 forms of the disease—including gout, bursitis, rheumatic fever, lumbago, sciatica, neuritis, and muscular rheumatism—but by far the most common types are rheumatoid arthritis and osteoarthritis. Rheumatism is a term used to describe a variety of aches and pains and is not a disease in itself.

Of 100 persons who see a doctor because of severe "rheumatic" pains, 40 have rheumatoid arthritis, which centers its attack on the joints and connective tissue, causing swelling and often very intense pain. In extreme cases the result is severe deformity and crippling. Thirty other persons of the 100 have osteoarthritis, popularly known as "everybody's disease" because it comes with advancing age. A more accurate name is "degenerative joint disease." It

is the less serious of the two ma-

How Is Arthritis Treated?

While medical science as yet has no cure for arthritis, it can do a great deal to control the disease, reducing the pain and crippling effects. Serious crippling can be prevented in seven out of ten cases, provided treatment is begun promptly.

For pain, the salicylate compounds—the commonest of which is the old reliable aspirin—are still the safest, cheapest, and among the most useful drugs in treating the disease. Doctors believe that these drugs in large doses do more than just control the pain of arthritis and that they exercise some beneficial effect on the ailment itself.

Certain hormones, such as cortisone, can diminish inflammation, thus reducing pain, swelling and stiffness. Injection of gold compounds may temporarily curb development of the disease in some cases. A drug called chloroquine and its related compounds may be effective in some instances. Close medical supervision is essential in the administration of these drugs for dealing with possible side effects.

In rheumatoid arthritis, doctors

may prescribe medications, remedial exercises, rest, and heat treatments. Casts, splints, or surgery may help persons with advanced cases. Victims of osteoarthritis may be helped by exercises that strengthen the muscles, by heat treatments, and by orthopedic appliances—such as braces, corsets, or other supports.

The Swindles at Work

A recent six-month survey by The Arthritis and Rheumatism Foundation reveals that arthritics are buying an incredible variety of misrepresented products including drugs, diets, pills, "uranium" gadgets, liniments, juices, metal bands, electronic devices, vibrating machines and food fad books.

Hundreds of arthritics swore they'd been helped by water dipped up from a depth of 40 feet off the Oregon coast. Investigators of the U. S. Food and Drug Administration took water from the same spot and found it no different from other sea water, which is useless in treating arthritis.

Recently, fortune-seeking exploiters lured 250,000 people from the East coast to Texas in one year alone—to sit with their feet in troughs of "radioactive" earth in mines called "uranatoriums."

Plain copper bands, worth a few cents at any cheap jewelry store, are advertised as arthritis cures at prices many times their actual value.

Another pet pitch of the quacks

is special diets. These often lead to insufficient nourishment, and worsen the arthritic condition.

Machines purported to cure or benefit by casting various colored lights are dangled before hopeful arthritics. One type, recently confiscated by the Food and Drug Administration, consisted of only a plastic lamp shade and bulb. The promoters claimed that if you put a piece of blue plastic over the shade and bathed in the light your arthritis would vanish.

Fourteen out of 100 arthritics use some kind of vibrator for the relief or prevention of arthritis or rheumatism, although the federal government recently ruled that it is illegal to offer the device for these purposes. Use of a vibrator on a diseased area can increase pain and cause further damage.

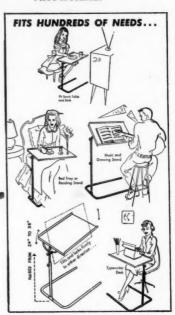
So-called "treatment centers" such as non-medically approved spas, health resorts, and clinics lure the arthritic. The Arthritis and Rheumatism Foundation describes them as "ranging from fringe offenders to outrageous quacks." One mineral springs clinic in Missouri says its treatments will correct the causes, relieve the symptoms, and repair the damage of arthritis for \$150 to \$200, plus extras and \$7 to \$10 a day for a hospital room.

Quack cures are not only a waste of time and money; they are an enormous threat to the health of arthritics who are encouraged by misleading claims to attempt dangerous self-diagnosis and self-medication.

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Education Can Help You Help Yourself

by William C. Miller, Educational Consultant

Our aims as well as the aims of every thoughtful person are self-realization, the development of satisfactory human relationships. and economic independence. No group is more concerned about these areas than those of us who are physically handicapped. Our need to be independent and to know the satisfaction of doing purposeful, useful work is great. For those of us who are seriously limited in our physical activities, it is difficult to accomplish these goals. When such a physical limitation exists, it is necessary to develop our other resources to the fullest. Education can help do this, When I speak of education, I do not limit it to formal instruction or even academic training, but refer rather to the whole area of selfimprovement and the increase of skills and knowledge.

There are many types of education and approaches to becoming more educated. Certainly many of us, with a great deal of time on our hands, have done many things that broaden our outlook on life, increase our fund of general information, and help us to be better informed and thus able to relate more effectively to other people. Self-education is done through wide reading, keeping up with current events and cultivating friends who

can discuss important issues of the day. The education which we received either before, during or after a handicapping condition in regular school, special education or home or hospital is of value. Few of us realize, however, that in many states, the public schools can be reimbursed for programs which serve someone in need of such educational assistance up until the age of 25. Public education for the handicapped need not be terminated at the age of 16.

Education through correspondence can open wide areas and new horizons for a person with restricted mobility. Many of these courses are offered for credit in the academic areas and are valuable toward a degree while others deal with practical areas such as bookkeeping, sewing, etc. Those of us who wish to have education beyond the high school and who live in rural areas or who are restricted to our beds recognize the value of instruction through correspondence.

Community adult education programs can offer real help and stimulation. Some of these are vocational in nature, others are avocational, and those of us who are able to attend a college or have a Junior College or a Community College in our area are very fortunate.





Bill Miller, shown "before" and "after".

Even those of us who feel either correctly or incorrectly, that academic education is not our forte, need to examine very carefully what further education can do for us.

Another first step to be taken when you have made up your mind that you want to profit from a program of education is to examine, with appropriate help, your strengths and your weaknessesphysical and psychological. You will need help in such an appraisal. If it is a service incurred disability, your V.A. can help you. Over the age of 16, your Office of Vocational Rehabilitation can be of great service. The Federal Government, on a matching basis with the states, can, under certain provisions, pay the employer for training toward the eventual vocational placement of a handicapped person and even some maintenance can be paid while an individual is in an on the job-training program. This sometimes holds true even for college work. If you have not contacted the Office of Vocational Rehabilitation, this should be a first step in any approach to a problem like this. Of course, other organizations, particularly if you are in a metropolitan area, can be of great help. The League for the Handicapped, the Salvation Army, the Society for Crippled Children and Adults-and branches of other national organizations can assist you in appraising yourself, working with you regarding training and often can help in eventual job placement. Of course, your physician will help you to access how able you are physically to take on education or work.

The psychological evaluation is perhaps the most difficult and yet the most important aspect of this self diagnosis. You should try to understand how your handicap affects your personality and behavior. You will need to know the approximate level of your mental capacity, and the areas of strength and weakness in your personality, Based on

this, with appropriate help, you can estimate your ability to profit from education.

Your social situation too, will have some influence. Family attitudes toward you and your disability, the economic resources of you and your family and interest of those around you are important factors. The home environment. including neighbors attitudes and the facilities of the home are important. Of course, particularly for people in rural situations, the availability of the local facilities for assistance to people attempting to further their education will affect your plans. For instance, if you are not near a population center, piece work or telephone solicitation within the home or sheltered work situations may not be available.

After an assessment has been made, it will be necessary to do some real soul-searching and then set realistic goals. Not only your own attitude toward your handicap, but the prejudices and ignorance of potential employers, co-workers or students can have an effect on you. Here again, education helps you. Research and experience shows that the handicapped people have an excellent record of service when the job is within their physical abilities. If you know yourself you can more successfully face the prejudice which may exist. Further, you will not jeopardize your new position by expecting yourself to fail-a major reason for maladjustment of the handicapped worker.

When you have the information you need, it would be appropriate to make an outline of immediate next steps to be taken. This may be in terms of gathering information about the course you wish to take or making contacts with appropriate organizations. A suggested over-all long range approach to training will also need to be made.

Thorough investigation of all aspects of your program is needed. An area that is promising, particularly if your assessment brings out a need for greater understanding on your part of your handicap or disability and your ability to work with it, is the possibility of small group therapy situations under the leadership of a person trained to handle these areas. Such discussions will help you to accurately evaluate your needs, your strengths and vour weaknesses and will help you gain insight into your problems. In these sessions participants will become aware that others have similar problems. It is stimulating to meet others and to see the progress they make in solving problems.

Once you have made this careful, deliberate appraisal and set a series of reasonable goals toward which to work, the rest is up to you. On the surface it may seem easier not to expose ourselves to such an appraisal, easier not to stray forth or assert ourselves by such a program of self improvement.

Most find, however, that the more they do the easier it becomes, and the rewards are great.

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cause I can't hold a regular job, I should work for peanuts. I need the money so I take whatever they give me. How can I get fair prices?

IRENE

DEAR IRENE:

You are selling a service, not holding an auction! YOU set the price before each task, or the price per hour for your work. Don't expect your customers to do your bookkeeping!

DEAR BONNIE:

I have had polio for a number of years. Most of that time my husband has been unfaithful to me and I try to understand and never say anything. I let him do just as he pleases because my handicap has been hard on him too.

Since I have been generous in this respect would it be disloyal for me to expect the same of him? Another man has become interested in me and he would like to phone me and come to see me once in a while. It has done so much for my morale to have a man interested in me as a woman again after feeling so unwanted. Would it be too wrong to encourage this friendship?

J.J.

DEAR J. J.:

"Friendship" is not the word for what you describe. In my opinion, condoning your husband's infidelity does not give you an excuse to "go forth and do likewise". You are asking if you should sacrifice your self-respect on the alter of your handicap. I think it is too much to give up for a questionable boost in morale.

DEAR BONNIE:

I'm handicapped, but I can sew quite well. My problem is that people I sew for always pay me less than the going price. They seem to think that just be-

DEAR BONN'E:

Can a person watch too much TV? Our son, who is almost totally paralyzed says it bores him but there is nothing else to do. He watches practically all his waking hours.

MR. AND MRS. H.

DEAR H's:

Yes, I think that is too much for anyone to watch. Your son should have some other interests. Has he tried teaching a parakeet to talk?

DEAR BONNIE:

I am in a wheelchair and I am being married this fall. Would it be in poor taste to decorate my chair for the wedding?

VERONA B.

DEAR VERONA:

This question would not be touched on in ettiquette books, so rather than a question of taste it is a question of your desire. Do you wish to draw attention to your wheelchair?

DEAR BONNIE:

I can't wash and set my own hair, so I wonder how to wear it. Is long or short hair easier to take care of?

AGNES

DEAR AGNES:

If your hair has a good permanent or is naturally curly, short hair is no problem, but smooth long hair is easily managed also. Follow the dictates of style and your own preferences. Remember, a change is always refresh-

DEAR BONNIE:

My sister is 24 and has been bedfast since she was 17. She likes bloody red fingernail polish and wears her nails so long they look like claws. I fix them for her, but I like short pink nails so much better. How can I convince her that they are more becoming?

JEAN

DEAR JEAN:

If you can't show her, forget it.

The Bible Says

By Rev. Arthur Gordon



There is no umpire betwixt us, I that might lay his hand upon us both." —Job 9:33 (ASV)

Job was in a terrible plight, All his possessions were taken, his family slain, his own body afflicted with malignant sores. It was in this condition he laments of his greatest need, "There is no umpire betwext us," says Job, "that might lay his hand upon us both." He knew he had no ground on which to stand before a holy God. His crying need was for a mediator.

This is our need too, And God has supplied, "For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus," The Umpire has come. He came down from the Father, lived among men, died for man's sin, arose and went back to the Father. And thus He mediated between God and us.

By becoming Man, the eternal Son could effectually lay His hand both on the holy God and sinful man. By virtue of His sinless life and vicarious death He could bring the two together. Let the cross on which He died illustrate. The cross was made of two wooden beams. When planted in the ground the one beam was vertical pointing Godward, the other horizontal pointing manward. Christ was stretched across them both, pointing to the fact that His sacrificial death was satisfactory with God and sufficient for man. Man could now approach God and God could approach man. The sin question was dealt with once and for all. God could justly forgive and forget man's sin, man could rightly claim God's gift of righteousness. Job's anguished cry was fully answered in Christ.

Does there yet remain anything for us to do? No, Christ has done it all. When we believe in Him and His finished work on the cross, He brings us to the Father, to dwell with Him forever. "For Christ . . . died for sins . . . that he

might bring us to God."

ACCENT On Clubs

National Association of the Physically Handicapped



reported by Virginia Hammond Lowder

Cupid, himself, entered the ranks of the 1960-61 Executive Board causing a temporary distraction of interests, but at the same time showing that handicapped people "dare to" live normal lives—even with limitations.

The first item concerns Mary Ellen MacDonald and Jack Howard, fourth and tenth National Vice Presidents respectively. They were married on January 14, 1961 in St. Anthony of Padero Church, Grand Rapids, Michigan. A number of NAPHers attended, for both Mary Ellen and Jack are outstanding in their endeavors for the handicapped. Mary Ellen also served as National Secretary for two years and edited the NAPH National Newsletter. Jack has contributed a great deal towards organizing the handicapped in the state of Michigan.

They are now living in Kalamazoo, Michigan where Jack is employed as a jeweler, and their house is in the process of being adopted to their requirements.

Your reporter, and sixth National Vice President, recently followed the Howard's lead, but in a much quieter way.

On April 8, 1961, in Belair, Md., she became Mrs. James G. Lowder. Jim is a disabled veteran and has been a member of the Indoor Sports Club for a number of years. In "joining forces" Ginger and Jim are carrying out the

NAPH motto that there is "Strength, Working Together".

Plans are in the making to build a house, with adaptions to make everyday living easier for them and one that is easily accessible to their handicapped friends. Future plans also include two trips—one to Illinois to meet Jim's family and one to Manchester, the first week in August, for the N.A.P.H. National Convention.

This angle, from the romantic point of view, may seem to deviate from the true purpose of N.A.P.H., but each small segment of life goes into rounding out the true picture. It is one point that has been brought out in recent speaking appearances of President Clarence Averill. In making the opinion of N.A.P.H. known to the public he has listed these rights which handicapped people desire: "The right to the earliest possible chance for diagnosis of their handicap; the right to proper treatment and training in overcoming the handicap; the right to a chance to be self-supporting; the right to love and be loved; the right to a home atmosphere; and the right to acceptance by the family and the community.

Indoor Sports Club



reported by Dorothy Mason

The national executive board of the Indoor Sports Club met in Phoenix, Ariz., for a two-day session to discuss and act on reports of club activities carried on in the 6-month period since the last

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meeting in August, and to formulate plans for the future.

We were saddened by the loss of our national membership secretary, Blanch Little, who had worked so long and diligently in the service of the ISC. Pearl DeHaven of Springfield, Mo., was selected by the national board to assume the duties of that office for the re-

mainder of the term.

The annual national convention for 1961 will be held in St. Louis, Mo. The local chapter is busy with plans for "offhour" enjoyment and the agenda shaping up for the business sessions promises another step forward in the progress of the Indoor Sports Club and its program of aid for the physically handicapped. If any readers are interested in attending this convention (and they would be most welcome), information on reservations may be obtained from Miss Joan Donahue, co-chairman, 5921 S. Kingshighway, St. Louis 9, Mo.

We are pleased to accept the invitation extended our club to participate in the Annual Meeting of the President's Committee on Employment of the Physically Handicapped in Washington, D. C., April 27-28, James E. Perry of our Baltimore, Md., Chapter was appointed to be our representative at this meeting by national president Elmer Josephs.

We are justifiably proud to report that Paul Saunders, president of our Riverside, Calif., Chapter, was awarded the Presidential Citation for his efforts toward employing the handicapped.

The national board approved formation of the National Bowling Association for the Handicapped-and the competition is on! Teams must consist solely of physically handicapped bowlers and must be sponsored by an ISC chapter or district even though they may contain bowlers who are not members of the club but who would conform to eligibility requirements of the ISC. Trophies will be awarded to winning teams in each area as well as to a national winning team and will be presented at the national convention, NBAH chairman is Ruth Ochsenbein, 507 Porter, Joplin. Mo.

Christian League For The Handicapped



reported by Josephine Pitney

Recently a new neon sign was installed in our Bible Book, and Gift Shop which reads: Bibles, Books, Gifts, and Cards.

Many handicapped people use our store as an outlet for their handmade gifts. There are spinning wheel lamps made by a young man who is bedridden with arthritis; aprons, bibs, dolls, bunnies. baby clothes, potholders, and stuffed animals made by a lady who walks with braces and crutches; jewelry, hankies, hand-painted plates, plaques, and ties which have been made by handicapped persons.

Miss Mercy Pietsch is manager of the Gift Shop. Polio has made it necessary for her to use a motor wheel chair as she goes about her work. She is assisted in the work of the store by Mrs. Mary Bell, Miss Virginia Helgerson, and Miss Hazel Hendrickson, all of whom have had polio.

The Bible, Book, and Gift Shop serves approximately thirty churches in a radius of fifty miles of Walworth with religious material for every phase of Christian activity. Catalogs are sent to twentyone different states from which mail orders are received.

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